

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL
MEETING
January 11, 2007**

Attendance:

Tribal Council

Jim Peters	Chairman
Andy Whitener	Vice Chairman (<i>absent</i>)
Vince Henry, Sr.	Secretary (<i>absent</i>)
Russell Harper	Treasurer
Will Penn	1st Council Member
Pete Kruger	2nd Council Member
Charlene Krise	3rd Council Member

Executive Director

Ray Peters

Deputy Director

Don Whitener

Legal Counsel

Kevin Lyon (*arrived at 9:45*)

Recording Secretary

Melissa Puhn

Jim Peters called the meeting to order at 9:21 a.m. and Pete Kruger offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Will Penn moved to approve the January 11, 2007 Council agenda with additions. Russell Harper seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Charlene Krise moved to approve the December 14, 2006 Council Minutes as amended, and the January 2, 2007 Phone Poll Minutes. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

TRAVEL REPORTS & PLANS

Council Meeting with the Tribal Elders will be held on **January 17th**, at 1:00 p.m. in the Elders Building.

Screening of A Thousand Roads, will be **January 17th** at 3:30 in the MLRC. This will be a limited showing for elected officials, allowable by the Smithsonian Museum.

Winter General Body Meeting, will be held **January 27th**, at 9:00 a.m., in the SIT Gym with a Chowder cook off and fry bread.

Vocational Rehab presentation with SPIPA, will be held at Suquamish on **January 30th**. Charlene Krise will be attending.

ATNI Winter Conference, will be held on **February 12-15th**, in **Portland, OR**. Jim Peters, Pete Kruger and Ray Peters will be attending.

TRAVEL REPORTS & PLANS (*Continued*)

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Native American Finance Conference will be held on **February 21-23rd**, in Las Vegas. Charlene Krise and Ray Peters will be attending.

NCAI Executive Council Session will be held on **February 26-28th**, in Washington DC. Ray Peters will be attending.

Self-Governance Conference will be held on **May 6-10th**, in Garden Grove, CA, Ray Peters will be attending.

The Council Work Session will be held in March at the Quinault Beach Resort.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Jim Peters reported on the Tribal Leaders Meeting he attended in San Diego. He briefed on topics discussed such as Healthcare, Education and Gaming.

Bronze Castings for Veterans Memorial: Charlene Krise shared a letter received from The Evergreen State College (TESC) Longhouse, inviting Tribal carvers who participated in the carving class at TESC, to have their pieces bronzed. Charlene inquired about funds for pieces to be bronzed for the Veterans Memorial. Glen Parker spoke to Joe Calabrese regarding these pieces; the Casino would like to purchase one. The Veterans Committee will know the final price at their next meeting. Jim suggested each carver submit an application to 1% Committee requesting funds, and donate their piece to the Veterans Memorial.

Glen Parker gave an update on the progress of the Veterans Memorial. The Veterans Committee met with the architect, and drawings will be completed next week.

Retirement Dinner for Ray Maldonado, will be held on **January 23rd** at the Casino. Jim Peters, Andy Whitener, Vince Henry, Russell Harper, Pete Kruger, Will Penn and Don Whitener will all be attending.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Drug Policy: Ray Peters needed to clarify the decision made by Council at the last meeting regarding the Squaxin Tribal drug policy. A policy revision was passed immediately for Island Enterprises only. The Tribal Government Drug Policy will be revisited at the Council Work Session in March.

Ray provided a property acquisition update.

HOUSING

Brian Thompson was present. Council went in to Executive Session.

TRIBAL MEMBER REQUEST

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Ruth Whitener presented Native Spa Day to be held on February 13th at the Museum. The event will be at no cost to participants. Pete Kruger moved to donate \$200 from Tribal Council. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 in favor and 0 against (Jim was out of the room).

Whitney Jones presented a request from the Tribal Elders. The Elders would like to postpone their meeting with Council until the end of February (*This was later changed back to the original date of January 17th*).

The Elders asked permission to hold a silent auction at the General Body Meeting, Council agreed.

ENROLLMENT

Tammy Ford presented the following enrollments: **Resolution #07-03** approving the enrollment of Keerah Lynn Brown with full benefits. **Resolution #07-04** approving the enrollment of Leo Eugene Henry Jr. with full benefits. **Resolution #07-05** approving the enrollment of Randy William Koshiway and Sarah Gloria Koshiway, both with full benefits. **Resolution #07-06** approving the enrollment of Jamaal Jason Byrd who will be on the five year waiting list. Charlene Krise moved to approve these enrollments. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LEGAL

Kevin Lyon gave a report on a workers compensation claim.

Kevin inquired about the Limited Liability Code presented by Bob Whitener Jr. at the last Council meeting; this will be brought back to next Council meeting for approval.

Kevin discussed the tort consideration approved at the last Council meeting, it will be revised and extended to include Island Enterprises and will be brought back to the next Council meeting for approval.

Kevin requested Council to rescind the approval of Resolution 06-103, the Court proceedings ordinance, due to some revisions that need to be made. Charlene Krise moved to rescind Resolution 06-103, court proceedings ordinance. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried. This resolution will be brought back to Council for approval at a later date, once corrected.

Kevin presented **Resolution #07-07** which adopts a Code of Ethics that shall govern the performance of Council Members, Tribal Government employees or agents engaged in the award and administration of contracts supported by Federal and State assistance. Pete Kruger moved to approve the Code of Ethics Resolution #07-07. Charlene Krise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ray Peters presented **Resolution #07-08**, which reappoints Kim Cooper to the SPIPA board, and Don Whitener as an alternate to the SPIPA board. Charlene Krise moved to approve these appointments. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ray presented **Resolution #07-09** which denies an enrollment application due to the applicant not meeting the blood quantum requirement. Russell Harper moved to approve this resolution. Pete

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Kruger seconded the motion. The motion passed three for and zero against with one abstention. Will Penn abstained from voting.

TRIBAL GAMING AUTHORITY

Mike O'Donnell and Jackie Pleasants were present. Mike told Council he will submit a report one week prior to Council meetings for review. Mike will answer any questions Council may have at the Council Meeting.

Council went to Executive Session.

Action taken: Council agreed by consensus to have Kevin sign and send the discussed letter regarding an employees garnishment.

Mike announced the Casino has received a contract for the National Indian Gaming Tribal Leaders Spring Conference. The conference will run three days, expecting to bring in about three hundred attendees. The conference coordinators would like to set up a tour of the Museum. TGA will sponsor a meal for this event.

Mike handed out the Squaxin Island Gaming Commission Directors Report for the month of December. Mike provided a brief overview going over the employment charts. Jim Peters requested a quarterly report on Little Creek Casino Hotel employees' years of service. Mike handed out the Travel Policy and Procedures of the Tribal Government, and would like to utilize this policy for the Casino, as well as the Governments' purchasing policy. Mike will bring this to LCOB for approval, and will later bring the recommendation to Council asking for their approval.

TRIBAL MEMBER CONCERN

Vicki Kruger shared with Council her concerns. The first concern was the petition that was signed at the last General Body Meeting regarding an enrollment committee. Vicki would like to see an enrollment committee in place, to serve as an additional check for new enrollees, and spending more time researching blood quantum and family history.

Vicki also asked about the second petition passed around regarding hiring of four full time language teachers by the year 2012.

Council agreed by consensus to provide door prizes at the General Body Meeting, January 27th, also soliciting prizes from the Casino and Island Enterprises.

Being no further business, the Council Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.